You know you are a liberal if you ...

- Are still reading this article.
- Listened to Bill Clinton on election night as if his previous, moral transgressions were suddenly washed away.
- See Nancy Pelosi as speaker of the house and third in line to the presidency as an affirmation of the natural order of things.
- Mourn the passing of Rick Santorum and Bill Frist from the Senate with crocodile tears.
- Believe that the United States can really bring our troops home from the Gulf War right away.
- Are outraged that Trent Lott is resurrected, and
- Not so secretly rejoice that the Republicans can't seem to learn lessons from the voters by resurrecting him.
- Live in the Flyover States and have a bumper sticker mounted on your car that says "Blue in a Red State."
- Have not scraped off the last bumper sticker you put on your Volvo *before* the 2004 election that said "Re-Defeat George Bush."
- Think that this election suggests that the Dems have a good shot in 2008 due to the "building momentum" from this election.
- Look forward to voting for Hillary in 2008 as if she has a real chance.
- Look forward to Bill as first First Man (one cannot say "Gentleman").
- Still watch network news to get reaffirmed in your liberalism.
- Are outraged by the statements of Limbaugh and his ilk during the campaign like the accusation that Michael Fox was "faking" his Parkinson's.
- Did a jig when Rumsfeld was fired the day after the election.
- Harrumph that Hastert didn't want to be minority leader to the Democrat's majority.
- Think that you will ever get a positive ROI from your hybrid vehicle.
- Think victory is spending too much for the pyrrhic victory of owning a hybrid.
- Are still waiting for the October Surprise.
- Were outraged by Cheney's statement, "We won't change our policy in Iraq. We are not up for reelection."
- Are contemplating buying mountain property because of the pending coastal deluge due to global warming.
- Are selling frozen fish futures short in anticipation of the collapse of the world fish stocks due to overfishing. (On second thought, you may just be a closet conservative.)

Abundance of Frustration

Of course, you may add your own. The real outcome of this election is that W is immediately rendered a lame duck. Although this may be something for liberals to rejoice about in terms of time, it also signals that there are two more years of policies and beliefs that you abhor. The brilliance of the system designed by our forefathers descendent from their foremothers is that it produces an abundance of frustration for all citizens. But for that reality, fewer than the 40+ percent who currently vote would ever even go to the polls at all. And that reality is too wonderful an irony not to end on.

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